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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**FILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.312  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

**ATTN: OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS**

Tsuyoshi KANEKO

**Notice of Allowance Mailed 12/13/06 -  
Batch/Confirmation No. 8470**

Application No.: 10/814,136

**Group Art Unit: 2871**

Filed: April 1, 2004

**Examiner: T. RUDE**

**Docket No.: 119105**

**For: CONNECTION STRUCTURE BETWEEN OPTICAL FIBERS AND CONNECTION  
METHOD FOR COUPLING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 13, 2006 Notice of Allowance, please consider the  
following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**